

CHAPTER 133.

SUB-DIVISION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to provide for the Sub-division of Independent School Districts. Additional to Code, Title XII., Chapter 9: "Of the System of Common Schools." H. F. 314.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That any independent school district organized under the provisions of chapter 73 of the acts of the fourteenth general assembly may be sub-divided for the purpose of forming two or more independent school districts, or have territory detached to be annexed with other territory in the formation of independent district or districts, the districts so formed not to contain less than four government sections of land each, such division to be effected in the manner hereinafter provided. District may be divided, or part detached.

SEC. 2. At the written request of one third of the legal voters residing in any independent school district, the board of directors of said independent district shall call a meeting of the qualified electors of the independent district, at the usual place of holding their meeting, by giving at least ten days' notice thereof by posting three notices in the independent district sought to be divided, and by publication in a newspaper, if one be published in the independent district, at which meeting the electors shall vote by ballot for or against such sub-division. Election: manner of. For deciding question of division.

SEC. 3. Should a majority of the votes be cast in favor of such sub division, the board or boards of directors shall call a meeting in each independent district so sub-divided or formed as aforesaid, for the purpose of electing by ballot three directors, who shall hold their offices one, two and three years respectively, the length of their respective terms to be determined by lot; and but one director shall be chosen annually thereafter, who shall hold his office for three years. Election of directors in new districts. Terms of office.

SEC. 4. At the meeting of the electors of each independent school district, as provided in the last section, they shall also determine by ballot the name to be given to their district, and each independent district, when so organized, shall be a body corporate, and the name so chosen shall be its corporate name; *Provided*, That the board of directors of any district organized under the provisions of this act may change its name if any other district in the township shall have chosen the same name. Naming of district. Board may change name.

SEC. 5. Independent districts organized under the provisions of this act shall be governed by the laws relating to independent districts. How governed.

Approved, March 25, 1878.